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**THE REED GROUP ANNOUNCES FIRST SUCCESSFUL TENDERER FOR THE NORTH COAST REGION**

**GARRY BANNISTER CONSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE BUILDING WORKS AT NABIAC PUBLIC SCHOOL**

North Sydney, Australia: The Reed Group, Managing Contractor for the New England and North Coast regions for Building the Education Revolution has announced the awarding of the first successful contract for building works at NABIAC Public School, located south of Taree.

Garry Bannister Constructions of Port Macquarie will complete the construction of a Hall and Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) with works commencing on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Program Director for The Reed Group BER NSW Program Christopher Andrews said:

"We're excited to announce the appointment of our first contract in the North Coast region. Garry Bannister and his team presented us with a tender that was first rate and reflected the company's many years of experience and success with a diverse range of commercial projects in the region including a number of schools in and around Port Macquarie. This is just the first of the 347 projects The Reed Group is responsible for delivering and we are strongly focused on completing that successfully with the assistance of the local building companies and contractors."

Garry Bannister, Managing Director of Garry Bannister Constructions said:

"This is a great contract win for my business and I'm ecstatic to be the first building company appointed in the North Coast region. We're a proud family owned and run operation that has been servicing the lower North Coast since 1976. Without a doubt this contract will definitely create additional employment in our business and I'm sure the wider local economy as the rollout of the BER program gains momentum."

Building the Education Revolution is a \$14.7 billion national investment from the Australian Government which is part of the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan. The Australian Government is aiming to build learning environments to help children, families and communities participate in activities that will support achievement, develop learning potential and bring communities together.

In NSW, over \$2.8 billion of Nation Building funds is being used to benefit over 1,800 public school communities across the state.

For the New England and North Coast regions of NSW, the contract is worth \$355 million dollars and covers 347 projects between Tea Gardens, Tweed Heads and Moree ranging from \$250,000 to \$3 million dollars each in size with a target completion date for all construction by February 2011.

School Regional Director for the North Coast, Peter Haigh said:

"I am delighted for NABIAC Public School to be the first in the North Coast region to commence much needed building works as a result of the Federal Government's Nation Building funds."

Details of the Subcontractors and Service Providers who have registered an Expression of Interest with the DET, MBA or The Reed Group will be provided to Garry Bannister Constructions so they can utilise local companies where ever possible.

Up to date information will be posted to The Reed Group website regularly at [www.reedgroup.com.au](http://www.reedgroup.com.au) where Expressions of Interest can also be registered.

The Reed Group was announced Managing Contractor for



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Building the Education Revolution works for the New England and North Coast regions in April.

The company has a strong track record of project delivery in the regions including the Bootawa Dam Water Treatment Plant in Taree, Lismore Police Station, Lismore Base Hospital Mental Health Unit redevelopment, Nundle Water Treatment Plant works, Kendall Public School and Link Road projects in Port Macquarie and the Mid North Coast Integrated Cancer Care Services at Coffs Harbour.

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### ABOUT THE REED GROUP

A privately owned company, The Reed Group was established in 1979.

Today the business employs over 300 personnel with offices in NSW and Queensland with nine specialised divisions engaged in the design, construction and management for a diverse range of projects.

The Reed Group has also established an email at [BERenquiries@reedgroup.com.au](mailto:BERenquiries@reedgroup.com.au) for any queries and a toll free line at **1800 18REED (1800-18-7333)**.

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